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1830 COALFIELDS/READING VARIANT BEGINS

DIP GAME AWAITS SHORE DUTY

The yet unnamed 1830 variant game has begun. All seven prospective players voted and the combined Coalfields-Reading with extra \$8000 won handily with 43 points--this despite Dan Farrow's vote of "0" for it. Thus Dan will be sitting this one out. The second place option (with 39 points) was the Reading with an extra \$8000. Last place (14 pts) was Coalfields & Reading without Erie. You'll find the game start on page 6.

We got six sets of country preferences for BORIS VI. Franz didn't submit and is presumed still at sea. Langbert's portfolio was assumed by Klausutis. We will start this one no later than the January issue, so if you want in, send a country preference list and we'll put you on the waiting list.

About resignations. That, of course, is your right and it is certainly preferable to NMR'ing out of a game. But think for a moment about the brave fellow that is going to assume your position and your hapless GM who's got to con him, er, persuade him to do it. At least send in a set of orders with your resignation so that a smooth transition of power can occur. It will be appreciated.

Looks like we might have the minimum for GUNSLINGER. Would Jack McHugh, Dan Farrow, and Scott Cameron submit Showdown preferences and character preferences within the Showdowns. If either Wayne Morrison or Bill Anderson can be persuaded to join the shoot-out, lead could be flying in an issue or two.

With the variant start and the imminent DIP and GSL starts, we've pretty much run out of room (and time on publishing weekend) for more games. We'll have to wait until some of the extant games finish up. Both Harkonnen and Fremien are one stronghold away from victory in DUNE and COMMIES have two of the needed three waves in KREMLIN, so that could be just a matter of a couple of issues before something opens up. The Hunt will continue on a space available basis.

BORIS'S BBS

THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON: *Valgo totis castris testamento obsignabatur.* ---Julius Caesar

FAST TRAX is back! The pre-eminent 'zine of 1830dom is again publishing and, better yet, is free for the asking from Dick Martin, 17601 Lisa Dr, Rockville, MD 20855. Back issues can be had for the cost of postage. The latest issue chronicles the doings of four games and has a report from the Rail Games Seminar from Origins '91 (better late than never). The latter is especially interesting as insight into where the rail game hobby is going.

Mark Luedi (503 W Jefferson #2, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-4917; 313-662-1565) is looking for some postal 1835 types to play in his WILD GYPSY ROSE. Subscriptions are free to players and standbys, 80 cents an issue otherwise.

CONTEST: Name the 1830 variant game and win two free issues of this rag. Something short and pithy is desired.

BOOS & KUDOS

Congratulations to James and Marcie Fryling on the birth of a new daughter.

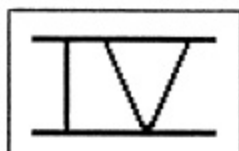
This month's Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award goes to Flapjack McHugh for his article in BORIS V, datelined Rome.

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb goes jointly to Mike Anchors for his double NMR and to Brad Wilson for NMR'ing out.

DEADLINE FOR ALL GAMES IS NOON (CST) 5 DEC 92



BRITS STAB FRENCH? TSAR BACK IN COMMAND



SPRING 1904

The Brits handed President Rezzarday both a military and political setback with their destruction of A HOL and the thwarting of French designs on KIE. Is this the deathknell of Anglo-French solidarity? Is Lord One-Eyed coming at last to the succor of his Saxon kin or is he making his move for hegemony? An Anglo-Italian alliance should strike panic in Paris. Meanwhile the East is still a mixed-up muddle. Sultan Tsuk is holding his own while the Tsar tries to recoup lost opportunities. It's hard to say if Wormtongue has stabbed Rome or whether the attack on GRE is part of a general troop shuffle.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

German A MUN retreated oth; Turkish F GRE retreated to AEG. England built F LON; France built A MAR & A PAR; Italy built F ROM; Russia disbanded A SIL.

AUS (Frying): A Bud S A Vie-Gal, A Ser S F Bul(sc)-Gre, A Tri-Tri, A Vie-Gal, F Bul(sc)-Gre;
ENG (Shacklet): A Fin-StP, A Yor-Hol, F Den S F Swe-Bal, F Hel S A Yor-Hol, F Lon-Eng, F Nth C A Yor-Hol, F Swe-Bal;
FRA (Rezzarday): A Bur-Bel, [A Hol S A Ruh-Kie](d), [A Mar-Pie], [A Mun S A Ruh-Kie], A Par-Bur, A Pic S A Bur-Bel, [A Ruh-Kie], [F Wes-Trn];
GER (J. Fisher): [A Ber-Mun], [A Kie S A Ber-Mun];
ITA (Klausutis): A Tun H, [A Yen-Pie], [F Gre-Ion](r-???), F Nap S F Rom-Trn, F Rom-Trn;
RUS (Saunders): A Gal-War, A Ukr-Rum, [F Bal-Den](r-???), F Sev-Bla;
TUR (Tsuk): F Aeg S F Ion, F Con S F Aeg, [F Ion S F Aeg].

Orders in brackets fail; d = destroyed due to lack of legal retreat, oth = off the board, r-??? unit must retreat, u = unordered. Italian F GRE must retreat to ALB or oth. Russian F BAL must retreat oth or to BOT, LVN, or PRU.

Note new addresses for Russia and Turkey.

EMBASSY BEAT

PARIS--Finally an expedition has been mounted to find the lost army of southern France, last seen in mountain region near the border of PIE and TRL. "We hope to find them in good health," says Field Marshal Savard, leader of the expedition.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

Le Monde--War declared on France by Germany? "We will bury you," Cardinal Diego Khrushchev, a very active supporter of the French movement, declared after reading the declaration in the Sunday comics.

Detroit News--An inside source has informed this newspaper of high level discussions being held in the French Consulate between the Imperial Russian Consul and his French counterpart. We can only presume that the discussions are leading to the formal alliance between the countries and that perfidious Albion is the main target of the alliance. Or maybe the Frenchman is teaching the Russian to play chess. Yeah, right. It's well known that the Russians have no aptitude for the game.

CLASSIFIEDS

The Russian is confused, or haven't you noticed.

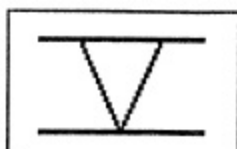
Let me get this straight, when a Worm comes up...

Turk, prepare to die (signed in crayon)

Puppet hell! eat my shorts, Boris



FRANCE RESIGNS! GERMANY REELING!



SPRING 1904

Citing intense business travel plans, President Langbert has resigned, leaving a power vacuum in the Belle France and opportunities galore for her ancient rival England. Kaiser Rolie's reign appears to be at an end as his last army has been evicted from MUN. The Italian succession has gone smoothly as Flapjack replaces his sidekick Bwad. The real question, of course, is when the Anglo-Russian coalition will self-destruct. The sooner the better for the rest of Europe.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Austria builds A BUD and A VIE; England builds A LPL, F EDI, and F LON; Germany disbands A BUR & A SIL; Italy disbands A ALB & F ADR; Russia builds A MOS & F SEV; Turkey disbands A CON.

AUS (R. Fisher): A Bud-Vie, A Ser S RUS A Bul-Gre, A Tri S A Vie-Tri, A Vie-Tri;
ENG (Morrison): A Kie-Mun, A Lpl-Yor, A Ruh S A Kie-Mun, F Bel-Pic, F Bre-Mid, F Den S F Hol-Kie, F Edi-Hth, F Hol-Kie, F Lon-Eng;
FRA (????????): NMR: A Mar H(u), A Par H(u), F Tun(u), F Lyo(u), F Tyn(u);
GER (Ford): [A Mun-Kie](r-???);
ITA (Wilson): A Pie-Tus, A Ven H, F Ion H;
RUS (Shacklett): A Ank S F Bla-Con, A Bul-Gre, A Mos-Ukr, A Pru-Sil, [A Rum-Bul], A War-Gal, F Ber H, F Bla-Con, F Sev-Bla, [F Smy-Aeg];
TUR (Frush): [F Aeg-Bul(sc)], [F Gre S F Aeg-Bul(sc)](r-???).

Orders in brackets fail; d = unit destroyed due to lack of valid retreat; imp = impossible; oth = off the board; r-??? = unit is dislodged and must retreat; u = unordered. German A MUN must retreat oth, Boh, BUL, or TRL; Turkish F GRE must retreat oth or to ALB.

HERNAST BEAT

BUDAPEST--The liberation of TRI & SER have created a national fervor in Austria unseen in ages. Recruitment centers are besieged with both new volunteers and with returning veterans. "With the Navy sunk off GRE at least I won't get sea duty," explained retired Boatswain Otto Smeck. "I was in the Navy when ships still had sails. I hope they send me to the coast where there's windmills. They're almost sails." The Government announced the formation of two more armies to begin training this winter.

ROME: The new Italian Prime Minister, Jack McEyette was pacing around the Quirteralia. "That stupid Conservative leader Bwad Wilson, he left me with another of his problems, what am I going to do?" Absentmindedly he rubbed a cheap pair of Italian shoes.

POOF! Suddenly Ali Paul, the Genie of the Shoes appear. "Hey, I thought you were only in lamps," said Jack.

"I'm not writing this you are," growled the pubberigenie.

"Oh yeah," said the Flapper. "Are you here to grant me three wishes?"

"No, I'm here to remind you of the deadline," said the Genie. "It was an hour ago. Shake a leg."

VIENNA--Weeks of backdoor bargaining and midnight negotiations successfully returned Austrian control to SER and liberated the port of Trieste. For his skillful handling of these most important first steps to a return of the Austrian Empire to greatness in the Balkans, the European Advisor to the throne, Ron Fisher has been appointed Foreign Minister and granted a barony in the Burgenland, near Grosspetersdorf.

Fisher announced he was presently working to further normalize relations with Russia and trying to open a channel of communication with Italy.

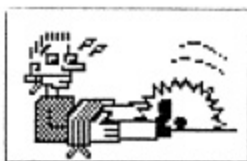
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Wanted, person familiar with railroads and explosives. Some demolition experience desirable. Write Box 1829, London. Stock options available.

WANTED: New French leader. Pay small, hours rotten, survival prospects grim. Only the adventurous or terminally ill need apply. Contact BORIS c/o this 'zine.



CRUELTY IS IN ANCHORS NMR! ERIE & NYC FLOAT!



ERRATA: That's a \$15 Tile in F22(w), not a \$14 (the map is right). C&O's 2-train should have been scrapped with the rest. Hanna's cash should've been \$222, not \$204.

PLAYER STATUS:

Morrison: \$246, SVN&R, D&H, M&H, 6 C&O(Prez), 1 B&O
Klausutis: \$160, C&SL, C&A, 6 PA(Prez), 2 B&O(VP), 3 NYNH&H(Prez)
Anchors: \$137, 1 NYNH&H, 2 B&O(VP), 1 C&O, 6 B&M (Prez), 3 PA(VP)
Hanna: \$222, 5 B&O(Prez), 1 NYNH&H, 3 C&O(VP) <Priority>

OPERATING ROUND 5.3:

Private company income: Morrison collects \$5+15+20 = \$40; Klausutis collects \$10+25 = \$35.

B&O: Lay Tile #14 in J14(se). Run J14-I15-H16 (\$110). Pay dividend (CCH +\$55, JMA +\$22, TJK +\$22, WM +\$11); price goes to A142.

NYNH&H: Lay Tile #28 in F18(ne). Run F20N-G19N-F203-F22 (\$110). Pay dividend (NYNH&H +\$55, TJK +\$33, JMA +\$11, CCH +\$11); price rises to E100.

C&O: Lay Tile #26 in G5(sw). Run J2-H4-F6 (\$80). Pay dividends (WM +\$48, CCH +\$24, JMA +\$8); price moves to D100.

B&M: NMR. Run E23-F24-F22 (\$70). Withholds, so price slips to A82.

PA: Lay Tile #8 in H14(e). Run I15-H12-H10 (\$80). Pay dividends (TJK +\$48, JMA +\$24). Price goes back to B90.

STOCK ROUND 6

Hanna sells 3 C&O, buys Prez of Erie, setting par at \$100 (\$312+300-200 = \$412); C&O price drops to F80.

Morrison buys Prez share of NYC, setting par at \$67 (\$345-134 = \$211)

Klausutis buys 1 NYNH&H (\$306-100 = \$206)

Anchors passes.

Hanna buys 1 Erie (\$412-100 = \$312)

Morrison buys 1 NYC (\$211-67 = \$144)

Klausutis buys 1 B&M (\$206-100 = \$106)

Anchors passes.

Hanna buys 1 Erie (\$312-100 = \$212)

Morrison buys 1 NYC (\$144-67 = \$77)

Klausutis buys 1 B&M (\$106-100 = \$6)

Anchors passes.

Hanna buys 1 Erie (\$212-100 = \$112)

Morrison buys 1 NYC (\$77-67 = \$10) and closes in M&H for a 6th share. NYC floats!

Klausutis & Anchors pass.

Hanna buys 1 Erie (\$112-100 = \$12); Erie floats!

All pass.

Due next time are orders for OR 6.1 and 6.2. Morrison has the Priority for SR 7. I expect Mike back next time, but will Mark Frueh submit provisional orders for Mike's portfolio just in case?

PLAYER STATUS:

Morrison: \$10, SVN&R, D&H, 6 C&O(Prez), 1 B&O, 6 NYC(Prez) <Priority>
Klausutis: \$6, C&SL, C&A, 6 PA(Prez), 2 B&O(VP), 4 NYNH&H(Prez), 2 B&M(VP)
Anchors: \$194, 1 NYNH&H, 2 B&O(VP), 1 C&O, 6 B&M (Prez), 3 PA(VP)
Hanna: \$12, 5 B&O(Prez), 1 NYNH&H, 6 ERIE(Prez)

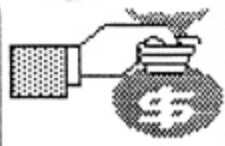
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GREED IS GOOD

PA FLOATS!!

CP and B&M Founded!



ERRATA: Tile #7 was laid in F18(se) as the text has it, not (e) as the map has it. (Actually, the map is right if you use the #7 tile from 1835!) Thus in OR 3.2, NYNH&H ran G19N-F20 (\$70), F22-F20 (\$30), F22-F24-G23 (\$160); dividend should have been \$16/share. Mike Puffenberger's cash should've been \$196. Somehow the B&O's bridge build and token drop in J14 never got debited. B&O starts SR 4 with \$380. BORIS has finally got around to ginning up a spreadsheet on this game, and that should improve the bookkeeping. Sigh. Keep up the good work.

PLAYER STATUS:

Zieske:	\$191, D&H, 4 NYNH&H(VP)
Morrison:	\$221, SVN&R, M&H, 2 B&O, 1 NYNH&H <PRIORITY>
Bliss:	\$214, 5 NYNH&H(Prez)
Kuntz:	\$92, C&A, 4 PA(Prez)
Puffenberger (G&DRHC):	\$196, 4 B&O(VP)
Chinnery (TRC):	\$196, 4 B&O(Prez)

STOCK ROUND 4:

Morrison buys 1 PA (\$221-76 = \$145), PA floats!
 Bliss buys Prez share of CP, setting par at \$71 (\$214-142 = \$72)
 Kuntz buys 1 PA (\$92-76 = \$16)
 G&D buys Prez share of B&M, setting par at \$90 (\$196-180 = \$16)
 Chinnery passes. Zieske buys 1 PA (\$191-76 = \$115)
 Morrison passes. Bliss buys 1 CP (\$72-71 = \$1)
 All pass.

OPERATING ROUND 4.1:

Private Companies pay Zieske \$15, Morrison \$5+20=\$25, NYNH&H \$10, and Kuntz \$25.

B&O: Upgrades I15 with Tile #53(sw). Run J14-K13 (\$60), J14-I15 (\$80), J14-K15 (\$50), I15-H16 (\$70). Pay dividend (TRC +\$108, MP +\$108, WM +\$54); stock goes to A142.

NYNH&H: Lay Tile #2 in G17(se). Run G19N-G17-G19S (\$130), G19(N)-F20 (\$70), F20-F22 (\$30), F22-F24 (\$30). Pay dividend (JB +\$130, PZ +\$104, WM +\$26); stock goes to A142b.

We'll stop here while we await the PA's orders. Due next time are the PA's orders for OR 4.1 and all orders for OR 4.2. Kuntz will have the Priority in SR 5.

PLAYER STATUS:

Zieske:	\$234, D&H, 4 NYNH&H(VP), 1 PA
Morrison:	\$250, SVN&R, M&H, 2 B&O, 1 NYNH&H, 1 PA
Bliss:	\$131, 5 NYNH&H(Prez), 3 CP(Prez)
Kuntz:	\$41, C&A, 6 PA(Prez) <PRIORITY>
Puffenberger (G&DRHC):	\$124, 4 B&O(VP), 2 B&M(Prez)
Chinnery (TRC):	\$304, 4 B&O(Prez)

CORPORATION STATUS:

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	A142a	0	0	n/a	\$ 500	2223	1
NYNH&H	A142b	0	0	n/a	\$ 220	2223	0,C&SL
B&M	B90	0	8	\$90			2
PA	D76	0	2	\$76	\$760	--	4
CP	E71	0	7	\$71			4

TRAINS AVAILABLE: 3334444555666DDDDDD.

The Bank has \$9,546.



1830 Variant

GAME STARTS!!



Rick Egtvedt: \$400 <Priority>
Mark Prueh: \$400
Paul Zieske: \$400
Mike Puffenberger: \$400
James Bliss: \$400
Don Chinnery: \$400

Rick has kicked things off by bidding \$75 for the D&H. Due next time are your private company bids and par for the B&O should you acquire it. We'll use the standard 1830 house rules for the interim. I hope to both construct a photocopyable map and write specific house rules for this beastie to cover whatever ambiguities the two articles contain and to resolve any conflict between the two sets of rules.

---CRUELTY IS IN (Continued from Page 4)

CORPORATION STATUS:

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	A142	0	0	n/a	\$570	3	1
ERIE	A100	0	4	\$100	\$1000	--	4
NYNH&H	E100	5	0	n/a	\$ 55	4	0
B&M	A82	0	2	\$100	\$710	33	1
PA	B82	0	1	\$90	\$740	3	3
C&O	F80	3	0	n/a	\$560	3	2
NYC	F67	0	4	\$67	\$670	--	4

TRAINS AVAILABLE: 444555666DDDDDD

The Bank has \$7,423.

PRESS:

B&O to C&O: If you'll tell me where to find the Ohio River, I'll tell you where the Chesapeake Bay is.

---GREED IS GOOD (Continued from Page 5)

PRESS:

Paul --> Don Chinnery: Nice seeing you at GenCon. Forgot to ask you why you have 2 addresses.

G&DRHC = Gorie & Dephted Railroad Holding Company

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TRAINS AVAILABLE: 333,3+3+3+,444,4+,55,5+,66,6+6+6+

The Bank has 9,077M.

RARE TILE LIST: #1(1), #2(1), #3(2), #4(1), #5(2), #6(1), #9(3), #55(0), #56(1), #57(0), #58(0), #69(0), #201(1), #202(0), all green tiles.

PRESS:

Management of Reichs Tagliche Eisenbahn (RTE), the parent company of the Bayerische Eisenbahn institutes passenger service in time for the Augberg Oktoberfest (Eins, zwei, drei, suffice!)

Help Required--Head Surveyor & Engineer for rapidly growing railroad to replace incompetent fired for mismanagement in laying track.

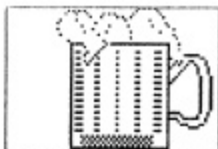
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Party Chief was quoted as saying, "...Comrade Shootemdedsky will receive the fairest possible trial before he is put before the firing squad!"

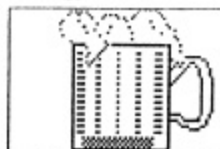
The event triggered a volley of moves in the Politburo. Comrade Zenjarplan was moved to Foreign Minister, Satin to Defense Minister, and Ludmilla Patina was appointed to head the KGB.

No rehabilitations were announced.

As usual Our Beloved Party Chief waved to the admiring crowd for 17 hours, proving himself a most capable leader.



1835 SX SOLD OUT! PHASE CHANGE!!



ERRATA: There are only two #3 tiles; there was one more #58 tile. DBC no longer has the L-D. Rick has *der Zug* as the text states, not John as the Player Status suggests. We forgot to credit Ydz with its income from #2. DBC has chosen to place Tile #201 in H20(w).

PLAYER STATUS:

Chuck Hanna (CCH): 150M, #1, #4, #5, #6, 3 SX.
Rick Egtvedt (RTE): 69M, NF, OB, 5 BY (Dir) <Der Zug>
Don Chinnery (Der Bahn Corp = DBC): 101M, #3, 5 SX (Dir)
John Butitta (Volksdampfzug = Vdz): 186M, #2, Braun, Hann, PB, 1 BY

STOCK ROUND 5:

RTE passes. DBC buys 1 SX (101M-88 = 13M, +88M SX)
Ydz buys 1 BY (186M-92 = 94M, +92M BY)
Hanna buys (150M-88 = 62M, +88M SX) SX sold out!
RTE & DBC pass. Ydz buys 1 BY (94M-92 = 2M, +92M BY)
All pass.

SX is all sold out, so rises to C92b.

OPERATING ROUND 5:

Privates pay RTE (5M+10 = 15M) & Ydz (25M+30+15 = 70M)

#1: Lay Tile #58 in K3(nw). Run H2-H4 (40M). (#1 +20M, CCH +20M)
#2: Lay Tile #4 in B15(w). Run E19-C11 (70M). (#2 +35M, Ydz +35M). Buys 2+2 train from SX for 100M (110M-100 = 10M)
#3: Lay Tile #4 in G11(sw). Run F14-F12 (40M). (#3 +20M, DBC +20M). Buys 2+2-train from SX for 80M (60M+20-80 = 0M)
#4: Lay Tile #9 in D10(sw). Run G5-H4 (30M) & G5-F6 (30M). (#4 +30M, CCH +30M)
#5: Run E19-C21 (50M). (#5 +25M, CCH +25M)
#6: Lay Tile #4 in B15(w). Run C11-A11 (60M). (#6 +30M, CCH +30M)
BY: Lay Tile #6 in N12(w) & #55 in N10(se). Run O15-L14 (60M), O15-N12-N10 (60M). Pay dividend (RTE +60M, Ydz +36M); price goes to C100.
SX: Lay Tile #8 on G19(se) & #201 on H20(w). Run H16-H20 (50M) & H16-I17 (30M). Pay dividends (DBC +48M, CCH +32M); price surges to C100b. Buy 3-train (440M+80+100-180 = 440M).

Hanna has *der Zug*. The BA Direktorship will not be available until both remaining initial shares of BY are sold. Remember, shares of an unfloat company cannot be sold until the SR after it floats (Rules XV.7.3 & .4). Due next time are orders for SR 6. Hereafter Share Companies get only one tile lay per turn, there shall be two operating rounds between stock rounds, and Green tiles are available.

PLAYER STATUS:

Chuck Hanna (CCH): 199M, #1, #4, #5, #6, 4 SX <Der Zug>
Rick Egtvedt (RTE): 149M, NF, OB, 5 BY (Dir)
Don Chinnery (Der Bahn Corp = DBC): 81M, #3, 6 SX (Dir)
John Butitta (Volksdampfzug = Vdz): 143M, #2, Braun, Hann, PB, 3 BY

CORPORATION STATUS:

Company	Value	Pool	.. Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
#1	--	--	--	--	80	2	0
#2	--	--	--	--	10	2,2+	0
#3	--	--	--	--	0	2,2+	0
#4	--	--	--	--	120	22	0
#5	--	--	--	--	100	2	0
#6	--	--	--	--	120	2	0
BY	C100a	0	2	92	486	2,2+	4
SX	C100b	0	0	n/a	440	2,2+,3	2

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KREMLIN POLITBURO AGES BADENUFF WAVES!

THE CAST

Dan Farrow: Committee of Modern Marxists into Expanding Socialism (COMMIES) <1 Wave>
 Mike Anchors: Old Red Parts (ORF)
 Mark Frueh: Marginal Mechanics Faction (MMF) <1 Wave>
 Paul Saunders: Party of Cartographic Socialists (PCS)

Year 2 (cont)

Party Chief:	Badenuff (X), 62, ++;	7 IP (COMMIES*)
KGB Head:	Zenjerplan (Q), 67(w), ++;	4 IP (COMMIES*), 3 IP (MMF)
Foreign Minister:	<Vacant>	
Defense Minister:	<Vacant>	
Ideology Chief:	Satin (O), 62(s)	
Industry Minister:	Patina (S), 58, ++	
Economy Minister:	Shootemdedsky (H), 69, ?	
Sports Minister:	Krakemheds (E), 73(w), +, ?;	2 IP (MMF*)
Candidates:	B, C, D <4 IP (PCS*)>, K, M <? 64 2 IP (PCS*)>	
People:	F, G, J, L, O, R, S, T, U, V, W, Z	
Siberia:	I(74), N(67), P(62), Y(53)	
The Kremlin Wall:	A	

COMMIES denounce Shootemdedsky in a "16" hour speech. H is found guilty and is shot.

REPLACEMENT PHASE: Badenuff transfers Q to Foreign Minister then promotes O to Defense Minister and S to KGB Chief, thus ages 2 SP to 64. S, Q, and O decline to promote, so B, C, and D are promoted by age to Ideology, Industry, and Economy respectively. These in turn decline to promote, but Krakemheds (E) promotes U from the People to the Candidacy, aging 1 SP to 74. F & G are promoted by age to Candidates.

REHABILITATION PHASE: E rehabs P from Siberia. E ages 5 SP to 79.

PARADE PHASE: Badenuff, fortified with "17" shots of vodka waves for 17 hours. X ages 2 SP to 66.

Due next time will be the Influence Increase Interphase. ORF will have the first choice, followed by MMF, PCS, and COMMIES. You may a) add 2 IP to a politician, b) add 1 IP each to two politicians, c) add 1 IP to one politician and draw an Intrigue Card if you have less than three cards now, or d) draw two Intrigue Cards if you have one or no cards now.

Party Chief:	Badenuff (X), 66, ++;	7 IP (COMMIES*)
KGB Head:	Patina (S), 58, ++	
Foreign Minister:	Zenjerplan (Q), 67(s), ++;	4 IP (COMMIES*), 3 IP (MMF)
Defense Minister:	Satin (O), 62	
Ideology Chief:	Schruksnov (B), 75	
Industry Minister:	Goferbok (C), 74	
Economy Minister:	Niewitko (D), 73	4 IP (PCS*)
Sports Minister:	Krakemheds (E), 79(w), +, ?;	2 IP (MMF*)
Candidates:	F, G, K, M <? 64, 2 IP (PCS*)>, U	
People:	J, L, O, P(62), R, S, T, V, W, Z	
Siberia:	I(74), N(67), Y(53)	
The Kremlin Wall:	A, H	

Note change of address for PCS.

PRESS:
 MOSCOW--Comrade Shootemdedsky, having failed to live up to his name, will be tried for the attempted assassination of Our Beloved Party Chief. The incident occurred last night as the Party Chief was preparing for bed. The bullet narrowly missed him as he was donning his robe. Unfortunately, the Our Beloved Party Chief's most trusted valet was shot instead. In a brief statement after the event, Our Beloved

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DUNE

HARKONNEN TAKES
ARRAKEEN!



FREMEN RETAKE HABBANYA
RIDGE SIETCH!

NEXUS!!!

ATREIDES: (Saunders), 3C, 8S, 3L, 10T in Arrakeen; (4T toward KH).
FREMEN: (Morrison), 4C, 8S, 5L, 4T in Sietch Tabr, 3T in False Wall South, 6T & 2* in Habbanya Ridge Sietch, 2T in False Wall West.
GUILD: (R. Fisher), 4C, 7S, 5L, 5T in Tuek's Sietch, 3T in Habbanya Ridge Sietch, 2T in False Wall South, 2T in Carthag.
HARKONNEN: (Egtvedt), 6C, 11S, 6L, 4T in Carthag, 10T in Arrakeen.
TANKS: A 4T, Dr Y(1)

TURN 4 (cont.)

6. Combat:

At Carthag, H plays TRUTHTRANCE and inquires whether G's battle plan includes a projectile defense; it doesn't. G dials 1, plays CHEAP HEROINE, 0S, LASEGUN; H dials 2, plays Ummen Kudu, 2S, SLIP-TIP. H wins battle 4-1 and captures Soo Soo Sook. G discards CHEAP HEROINE & LASEGUN. Tanks receive 2T from H, 2T and S.S. Sook (whom H has sold for 2S) from G.

At Habbanya Ridge Sietch, F plays TRUTHTRANCE and inquires "Will you play a poison weapon?" G answers "No". F dials 6, plays Shadout Mapes & 4S while G dials 3, plays 3S, S. Tuek. F wins battle 9-8. G loses 3T to the tanks while F loses 2* & 2T.

At Arrakeen, A series that H will use a projectile weapon. A dials 1, plays Duncan, 0S, LA LA LA, & TRIP TO GAMONT; H dials 4, plays Feyd Rautha, 3S, & SLIP-TIP. Duncan is killed (+2S to H). H wins battle 10-1 and captures Lady J. A loses 10T & Duncan to tanks; LA LA LA & TRIP are discarded; H loses 5T to tanks. A earns the KH.

At False Wall South, G dials 2, plays 2S & M. Bewt while F dials 2, plays 2S, KULON & CHEAP HERO. G wins battle 5-2. G loses 2T to tanks while F loses 3T to tanks and discards KULON & CHEAP HERO.

7. Spice collection: Harkonnen collects 4S for Arrakeen & Carthag. Guild collects 1S for Tuek's Sietch.

TURN 5

1. STORM moves from Sector 9 to Sector 10. Arrakeen is under storm. Next time it goes to Sector _____.
 2. Shai-Hulud appears at Rock Outcroppings. New spice blows are Habbanya Ridge Flat(10) and Haggia Basin(6). SPICE remains at Ceilago North(4) and Minor Erg(8). The next Spice Blow will be at _____.

3. The BIDDING Round will feature four cards. They are _____, _____, _____, & _____.

Due next time are any alliances made during this Nexus, bids, revival, shipment, and movement. Note new address for Atreides.

ATREIDES: (Saunders), 1C, 8S, 1L, KH.
FREMEN: (Morrison), 1C, 2S, 5L, 4T in Sietch Tabr, 4T in Habbanya Ridge Sietch, 2T in False Wall West.
GUILD: (R. Fisher), 2C, 3S, 4L, 5T in Tuek's Sietch
HARKONNEN: (Egtvedt), 5C, 14S, 7L, 2T in Carthag, 5T in Arrakeen.
TANKS: A 14T, Dr Y(1), Duncan(2), F 2*, 5T, G 5T, Sook(2), H 7T

Legend: A = Atreides, C = treachery cards, F = Fremmen, G = Guild, H = Harkonnen, L = leaders, S = spice, T = tokens * = Refoulin KH = Kwisatz Haderach



MAGIC REALM

WOOLLY & SCITCH BLOCKED!

WULF & SIR J MEET IMP!



The Boss

John Butitta: "Moondoggie" the Sorcerer (Bushytail, Misty)
 Scott Cameron: "Wulf Ironhelm" the Berserker
 Don Chianery: "Scitch" the Witch King (Ribbit)
 Dan Farrow: "Woolly" the optional Wizard
 Richard Price: "Sir Jordan" the White Knight
 Jack Shacklett: "Fang Gulfwulf" the Berserker
 Michael Tsuk: "Capt Avalon" the optional Captain

ERRATA: The late Patrol looted a H7/M5* horse, not a H7/H5* horse.

EVENING 6

Monster Roll = 3

Capt Avalon activates Power Gauntlets and the H7/H6* horse.

Fang Gulfwulf activates Girdle of Energy.

Scitch & Woolly play euchre all night long and reminisce about their college days at Unknown Univ.

DAY 7

Monster Roll = 5

All the Rogues except R4 & R7 reappear at the Inn.

Capt Avalon @ DW5: M M15, M M15, M M12, M DV2, M DV5, T(w/ Guard)
 Sir Jordan @ DW3 w/R4: M DW2, M BV5, MBV2, M C15, R; reveals BONES M, STATUE 2. Imp appears at C12
 Fang @ M15 w/R7: M M12, M DV2, H(3,2=y), S(Loc 5,3=no)
 Scitch @ Cr3: S(MS 1,1 = choice = discover chit), S(MS 4,2 = spells), S(MS 4,2 = spells), S(MS 1,1 = choice = paths); reveal STINK M, ALTAR 1, LOST CASTLE 1, PATTERN 2, LAIR 3, CAIRNS 5, ROAR 6. H Spiders appear at Cr3 & Cr2; T Spider at 5.
 Woolly @ Cr3: S(Loc 3,1 = passages), blocked by H. Spider. H. Spider from Cr2 and T. Spider from Cr5 move to Cr3.
 Wulf @ BV2: M C15, R(fatigued MOVE T6*), R(wounded MOVE H5*), R(fatigued MOVE H5*), R(wounded FIGHT H5); Imp moves to C15.
 Moondoggie @ BL2 w/ 6 axe goblins: Pops a Purple to activate "Melt" then M Cn5, M Cn3; reveals SMOKE C, HOWL 4

The Guard has a breastplate, broadsword, axe, two maces, _____, and _____.

COMBAT: Scitch vs Woolly vs two H. Spiders & T. Spider at Cr3. Sir Jordan vs Wulf Ironhelm vs Imp at C15.

WEEKEND RESAP: Borderland is enchanted. There is a T. Demon in Cr1, a six-pack of axe-goblins in BL2, a six-pack of spear-goblins at BL5, two H. spiders and the T. Spider in Cr3, and the Imp is in C15. The Rogues' treasures are abandoned at the Inn; 4 horses remain. The Patrols' treasures are abandoned at the Inn also; 2 treasure cards, a breastplate, a shield and a helmet remain. Two treasures remain in the Vault. The Patrol are dead. Capt Avalon has his MOVE M4* and both FIGHT H5* chits fatigued; he has 18N and has a horse and Power Gauntlets activated; he has another horse in reserve, but he has only his breastplate for armor. Fang has two treasures, one of which is the activated Girdle of Energy. Moondoggie has three MAGIC IV4*, a MAGIC IV5*, and a MAGIC VI6* chits fatigued; he has one treasure. Sir Jordan has one treasure. Woolly has an axe. Wulf has his MOVE H4** chit wounded; he has 5N. Note change of address for Capt Avalon.

PREPARE

Bad vibes in B-land. Too many uncool types. Time to get down under, surface dudes.



THE HUNT

SECOND HUNT BEGINS!



Inspired by Lipton's book, "An Exaltation of Larks", this is a word game where we propose a noun and the players are asked to propose a collective noun to fit, such as "flock" for "sheep", or "pride" for lions. Boris and Ms Nar will rank each entry for each word and the best score will be the winner, regardless of Mr. Lipton's proclamations. Each word gives a possible 1 point, but the point may be split if either more than one player suggests it or two or more words are ranked equally. The first player to score 10 points wins six free issues of this rag. The Hunt is run in "Chases" or rounds. This is the first Chase, so everyone is starting out even. To the Hunt!

CHASE 1

- | | | | | |
|----------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1. grits | 2. tractors | 3. cicadas | 4. shoppers | 5. taxis |
| 6. taxis | 7. nightingales | 8. freckles | 9. puzzles | 10. shoes |

ODDS & ENDS

Well, it's midnight of press night and here I have about two-thirds of a page to fill before I can consider this puppy (sorry, Mark) finished. I've seen all the printed pages but this one and they look good. Just hope I didn't cut it too fine on the upper and lower limits of the page so that the copy machine won't cut off any text. Guess I find out tomorrow when it goes to duplication.

The following are games we could do here. The paragraph was going to be on Page 15, but I ran out of room there. This is as good a place as any to stick it.

Other Possibilities: 1829, ADVANCED CIVILIZATION, CIRCUS IMPERIUM, CIRCUS MAXIMUS, CONQUISTADOR, DUNE, GLADIATOR, GODSFIRE, KINGMAKER, KREMLIN, RAIL BARON, RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR, STAR SOLDIER, STELLAR CONQUEST, TITAN, and variants thereof.

Don Chinnery is talking about starting a postal RAIL BARON game. Anyone interested should caontact him soonest.

In case you missed it, I'm looking for a DIPper to take over the French portfolio in BORIS V. I'm also asking Mark Frueh to submit provisional orders for Mike Anchors' "Cruelty Is In" position.

Just for yuks, here's a problem I gave my college chemistry class last week:

10. Spaceman Spiff has crashlanded on the moon Titan during the height of winter. Seeking shelter in a cave from the ammonia snows, Spiff uses his xenon laser blaster (tuned to 298.3 nm and set at "incinerate") to raise in mere milliseconds the temperature of a 1.00 m³ cube of iridium he found in the cave from ambient (-80°) to a toasty 40°. Given that the specific heat of Ir is 0.0317 cal/g and that the power pack of his xenon blaster had enough power to emit 1000.0 moles of photons when fully charged, what percent of his power pack did he just expend?

CONSTANTS

$$c = 2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec} \quad h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J-sec} \quad N = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ /mol}$$

DENSITIES: iridium 22.42 g/cm³

EQUATIONS

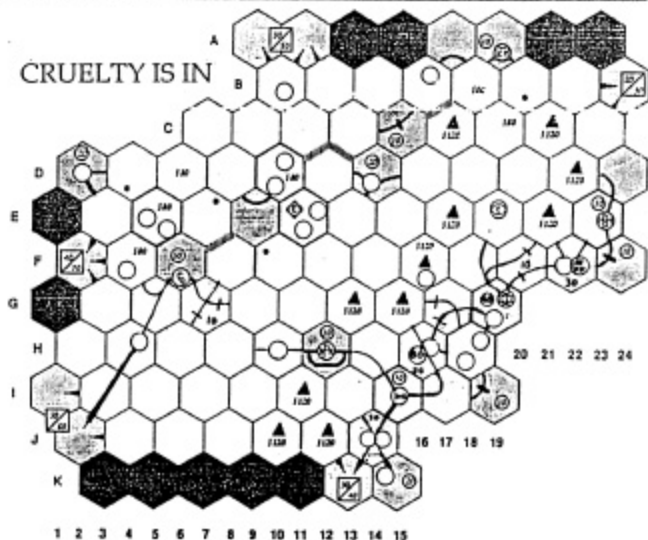
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UNIT CONVERSIONS

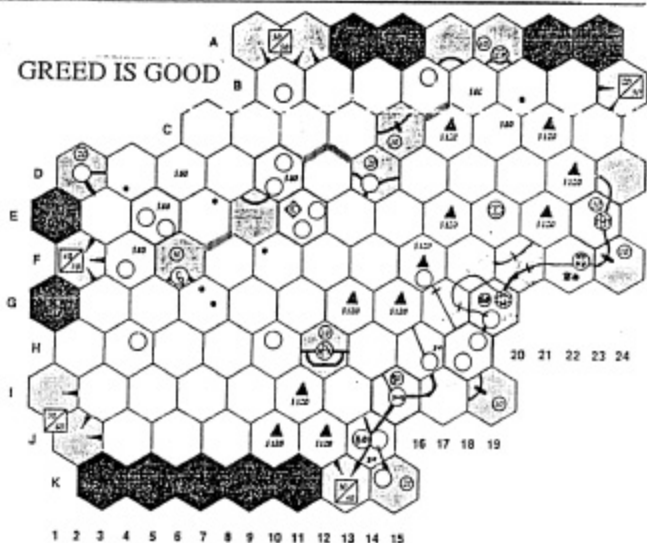
$$1 \text{ cal} = 4.184 \text{ J}$$

This stuff will come in handy if you try to solve it.

CRUELTY IS IN



GREED IS GOOD



Reading Railroad



Tokens:



FREE



\$40

Treasury:

Trains:

On Deck

1830: Alternates Frueh & Tsuk. Need 6 for normal.

1835: Chinnery & Zieske signed up; Chinnery and Farrow signed up for variant. Alternates Frueh & Tsuk.

DIPLOMACY: Signed up are Cameron, Egvedt, Ford, Franz, Klausutis, McHugh, and Vandine; game begins when Franz is ashore or Jan issue. Alternates Ford, Frueh, Morrison, Tsuk, Wilson.

GUNSLINGER: Cameron, Farrow, and McHugh signed up; Anderson possible. Need 1-4 more.

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FIRST CLASS

OOPS!

Ah, the wonders of E-mail! Chuck Hanna has already pointed out that I mucked up his SR orders and that companies can't sell trains to one another until Phase Two (Rule XII.1, Sentence 5). This means that the sales of the SX's 2+2s were illegal. That also means that SX couldn't buy the 3-train to cause the phase change (Rule XII.2, Sentence 3).

While I don't think it would affect tile play this time, I'm going to roll back the turn to #2's operating round, and give you the option to redo OR 5. So due next time are any redos you wish to make to OR 5 and orders for SR 6.

A corrected report follows.

1835

BY & SX SOLD OUT!
BA Founded!!

ERRATA: There are only two #3 tiles; there was one more #58 tile. DBC no longer has the L-D. Rick has *der Zug* as the text states, not John as the Player Status suggests. We forgot to credit Vdz with its income from #2. DBC has chosen to place Tile #201 in H20(w).

PLAYER STATUS:

Chuck Hanna (CCH): 150M, #1, #4, #5, #6, 3 SX.
Rick Egtvedt (RTE): 69M, NF, OB, 5 BY(Dir) <Der Zug>
Don Chinnery (DBC): 101M, #3, 5 SX(Dir)
John Butitta (Vdz): 186M, #2, Braun, Hann, PB, 1 BY

STOCK ROUND 5:

RTE passes. DBC buys 1 SX (101M-88 = 13M, +88M SX)
Vdz buys 1 BY (186M-92 = 94M, +92M BY)
CCH buys 1 SX--SX sold out!--sells 4 SX (150M-88+352 = 414M, +88M SX), SX price drops to E86.
RTE & DBC pass. Vdz buys 1 BY (94M-92 = 2M, +92M BY)
CCH buys 1 BY (414M-92 = 322M)
RTE, DBC, & Vdz pass. CCH buys 1 BY (322M-92 = 230M, +92M BY).
BY sold out!
RTE, DBC, & Vdz pass. CCH buys BA direktorship (230M-168 = 62M)
All pass.

BY is all sold out so rises to B98.

OPERATING ROUND 5:

Privates pay RTE (5M+10 = 15M) & Vdz (25M+30+15 = 70M)

#1: Lay Tile #58 in K3(nw). Run H2-H4 (40M). (#1 +20M, CCH +20M)
#2: Lay Tile #4 in B16(w). Run E19-C11 (70M). (#2 +35M, Vdz +35M).

#3: Lay Tile #4 in G11(sw). Run F14-F12 (40M); (#3 +20M, DBC +20M).
 #4: Lay Tile #9 in D10(sw). Run G5-H4 (30M) & G5-F6 (30M). (#4 +30M, CCH +30M)
 #5: Run E19-C21 (50M). (#5 +25M, CCH +25M)
 #6: Lay Tile #8 in B18(w). Run C11-A11 (60M). (#6 +30M, CCH +30M)
 BY: Lay Tile #6 in N12(w) & #55 in N10(se). Run D15-L14 (60M), D15-N12-N10 (60M). Pay dividend (RTE +60M, Vdz +36M, CCH +24M); price goes to B108.
 SX: Lay Tile #8 on G19(se) & #201 on H20(w). Run H16-H20 (50M) & H16-I17 (30M). Pay dividends (DBC +48M, SX +32M); price moves to E90.

RTE retains *der Zug*. PR shares are now available. WT shares become available when the BA floats. Remember, shares of an unfloated company cannot be sold until the SR after it floats (Rules XV.7.3 & .4). Due next time are amendments to OR 5 and orders for SR 6.

PLAYER STATUS:

Chuck Hanna (CCH): 191M, #1, #4, #5, #6, 2 BY, 2 BA(Dir)
 Rick Egtvedt (RTE): 144M, NF, OB, 5 BY(Dir) <*Der Zug*>
 Don Chinnery (DBC): 81M, #3, 6 SX(Dir)
 John Butitta (Vdz): 143M, #2, Braun, Hann, FB, 3 BY

CORPORATION STATUS:

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
#1	---				80	2	0
#2	---				110	2	0
#3	---				80	2	0
#4	---				120	22	0
#5	---				100	2	0
#6	---				120	2	0
BY	B108	0	0	n/a	670	2,2+	4
SX	E90	4	0	n/a	472	2,2+2+2+	2
PR	D154	0	4	154			
BA	D84	0	8	84			

TRAINS AVAILABLE: 3333, 3+3+3+, 444, 4+, 55, 5+, 66, 6+6+6+6+
 The Bank has 8,689M.

MORE PRESS:

Bahn construction workers are having difficult time following construction drawings and instructions. This is causing extreme delays in making connections into Berlin. Management is aggressively pursuing replacement crews and alternative strategies.